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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW TO OBTAIN A LAMP AND/OR BRAKE ADJUSTER LICENSE

How do I become a lamp and/or brake adjuster?

To become licensed as a lamp and/or brake adjuster, you must complete the application for lamp and/or brake adjuster and submit the \$10 fee per license. You will also be required to take and pass an examination.

Can I use the same application to apply for both the lamp and brake adjuster license?

No, you must use separate applications if applying for both a lamp and brake adjuster license.

What are the different class types an adjuster can hold?

Lamp Adjuster – only has one class:

- **Class A.** Adjuster may test, inspect, adjust, repair, and certify the lighting systems on all vehicles, including motorcycles.

Brake Adjuster – has three class types:

- **Class A.** Adjuster may test, adjust, repair, and certify the braking systems on all vehicles, including motorcycles.
- **Class B.** Adjuster may test, inspect, adjust, repair, and certify the braking systems on trucks 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) and over. This class may also inspect, adjust, repair, and certify the braking system on all trailers.
- **Class C.** Adjuster may test, inspect, adjust, repair, and certify the braking systems on vehicles under 10,000 pounds GVWR, trailers without air brakes, and motorcycles.

Can I hold more than one class of brake adjuster license?

No, an applicant can only hold one class of brake adjuster license. However, you can hold both lamp and brake adjuster licenses.

Where can I obtain an application?

You can contact the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) Licensing Unit at 916.255.3145 or visit BAR's Web site to download the application.

What happens once the Licensing Unit receives the application?

The Licensing Unit will review the application for completeness.

- If the application is complete, you will be notified to schedule your exam.
- If the application is incomplete, the Licensing Unit will mail you a deficiency letter requesting the necessary information.

Is there any exam material I can study prior to my examination?

Yes, you can order a Candidate Handbook by contacting BAR at 916.255.2919 or visiting BAR's Web site www.smogcheck.ca.gov for an order form. The handbook can be purchased for \$4.

What type of identification is required at the exam?

You must bring two forms of identification, one of which must include a photo.

Will I receive a license once I pass the examination?

Yes, you should receive a license in the mail within 10 business days.

How often do I need to renew my license?

Adjuster licensees must reapply for a license every four years. Please submit an application along with a check or money order for \$5 per renewal before your license expiration date.

What if I am late submitting my renewal application?

You can submit your renewal fee with an additional late fee of \$2.50 per license up until 30 days past your expiration date. Any renewal that is past 30 days of the expiration date will require an initial application and \$10.00 filing fee.

Who to Contact

If you have any questions regarding requirements, please contact the BAR Licensing Unit at 916.255.3145 or www.barlicensinginfo.ca.gov or contact the Department of Consumer Affairs' Consumer Information Center at 800.952.5210. BAR forms and applications are available at www.smogcheck.ca.gov.